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INCOME OF RURAL HOUSEHOLDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey has indicated that the average income of a rural household has stagnated at an abysmally low level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Co-ordination Committee of Farmers Movement has demanded a fixed monthly income for those engaged in Agriculture Sector; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): According to National Sample Survey 59th Round, the average monthly income (excluding rent, interest, dividend etc.) per farmer household in rural areas in the country was Rs. 2115 during the agricultural year 2002-03.

(c) & (d): Indian Co-ordination Committee of Farmers Movement in their letter to Hon`ble Prime Minister in March, 2007 have, inter alia, pleaded for declaring Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all agri-crops in advance and for ensuring fair price to farmers. With a view to ensuring remunerative prices to farmers, the Government of India, on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), decides and announces MSPs of 25 agricultural commodities before commencement of sowing season and organizes purchase operations through public agencies. Views of the State Governments and Central Ministries are, inter alia, taken into account before fixing MSPs. While recommending MSPs, CACP takes into account the cost of cultivation/ production as one of the important factors. The designated public agencies intervene in the market for undertaking procurement operations with the objective that the market prices do not fall below the MSPs.